[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(*b*) Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that, in addition to the various difficulties and hardships experienced by the people in the matter of taking green leaf and other manures to the paddy fields in the *eta* referred to above and also in taking the produce to their houses, failure of crops is also caused for want of this road?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the correspondence relating to this road stands?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to arrange now at least for the early construction of this road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) There was correspondence in regard to the opening of the road in 1915 but the matter was dropped as it was found that the proposed road was a costly one and that the existing Villikiri-Rajakkamangalam road, and the Colachel-Parasseri road close by, served the needs of the local ryots fairly well.

(*d*) The matter is being re-considered by the Chief Engineer.

Channels under the Kodayar Scheme.

17. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many of the channels, included in the Kodayar Project from the very beginning, still remain to be opened?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state the reasons for not opening these channels which would add to the revenue and also afford irrigational facilities?

(*c*) Is the Pattanamkal a channel included in the Kodayar Project?

(*d*) Has the question of opening the Pattanamkal received the attention of the Government? Will they be pleased to commence the work in the near future?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Three channels, *viz.*, (1) The Amaravathi *Kal*, (2) Extension of Tiruvitankod channel to Karingal, and (3) Thengapatanam *Kal*.

(*b*) These were not taken up as the Project has not yet developed fully where channels have been already opened, and as it was feared that the existing Tiruvitankod channel would not be capable of supplying water to the extensions.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes. The matter is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer.

Period of Dryage of Salt.

18. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) With reference to the statement made by the Dewan at page 45 of the proceedings of the eighteenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly

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